(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission had imposed major penalties against some Engineers of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in the case of Madipur Overhead Tanks which collapsed sometime in the year 1983-84; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The role of Central Vigilance Commission is advisory in nature. In the case of Madipur over-head Tanks, the Central Vigilance Commission have advised initiation of major penalty and minor penalty proceedings against 4 Engineers of Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

ISRO offer for Microware link to Ahmedabad Doordarshan

300. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in January, 1991 ISRO has offered to provide Microwave link to Ahmedabad Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not providing microwave link to Ahmedabad Doordarshan; and

(c) by when linkage is likely to be provided to Ahmedabad Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No offer has been received to provide microwave linkage between Ahmedabad and Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Considering the development of wide-band microwave circuits in the country, it has been decided to distribute regional service in Gujarat via Satellite on availability of suitable capacity. This will also enable Doordarshan to feed programmes from Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad to Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi for inclusion in the National network programmes. Department of Space has, however, agreed to make available uplinking facility at Ahmedabad for uplinking regional service programmes of Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad pending establishment of Doordarshan's uplinking facility.

Demand for telecasting National Programmes on State Doordarshan Centres

301. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Regional Programmes are forced on State Doordarshan Centres by the Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was no demand from all the States to telecast Regional Programmes on Sundays in their States;

(c) whether it is also a fact that majority of the people in all the States want to view National Programmes on Sundays including feature film; and

(d) whether Government would telecast National Programmes in all the States on Sundays reconsidering its decision to telecast Regional Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. In pursuance of the objectives of setting up of Regional Kendras, all Doordarshan Kendras having programme production facilities telecast programmes in the language of the region for a specific duration from Monday to Saturday. However on Sunday, the majority of programmes telecast by these Kendras are relayed through National network service put out centrally by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi. The scheduling of the programme is done by Doordarshan keeping in view the suggestions received from various quarters including

the viewers. Doordarshan would continue telecast of National network programme which would be relayed by all Kendras on Sundays as per the present schedule of programme.

Problem of Child Labour

302. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite tremendous economic growth in Asia, child labour remains a widespread and growing phenomenon;

(b) whether the number of child workers is on the rise particularly in the Third World countries;

(c) whether the ILO has recently drawn Government's attention towards the problem of child labour; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) While child labour has decreased dramatically in industry in recent years, it is still widespread in Third World agriculture, the urban informal sector and domestic service, according to an ILO report.

(c) Recently an Asian Regional Seminar on "Child Labour: Education and Enforcement of Legislations" was held under the auspices of the International Labour Organisation from 4th to 8th February, 1991 at New Delhi and experts and representatives of all the countries in the region participated. The Seminar was convened with the objective of providing an opportunity for exchange of views and experiences on effective enforcement strategies and the role of education in the campaign against child labour and for promoting action at regional, national and local levels.

(d) There exist various laws which contain provisions for prohibition of child labour in certain areas and regulation of conditions of work in other employments and occupations. Apart from stricter enforcement of laws pertaining to child labour other steps being taken include, *inter-alia* projects for rehabilitation in predominent areas of child labour through establishment of special programmes for education, nutrition, health care, vocational training, etc.

303. [*Transferred to the 6th March*, 1991]

Infiltration of Terrorists from Sri Lanka

304. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps the Government have taken to stop the infiltration of Gun Trotting terrorists from Sri Lanka into India; and

(b) how many terrorists from Sri Lanka have been arrested in India in the year 1990 and in 1991 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government of Tamil Nadu have intimated that Police action against the Tamil militants has been intensified. Strict vigilance along the coast is being maintained by depioying paramilitary forces in the Coastal districts. 33 check posts have been creqated along the Coast area, which are supplemented by mobile and foot patrolling. The State Government is also maintaining close coordination with the Navy, Coast Guard and other Central agencies in order to curb Srilankan militants activities in the State.

(b) The Government of Tamil Nadu have intimated that during 1990, a total number of 229 arrests were made. During 1991. 232 Tamil militants have been arrested so far.

Intensification of Vigilance in East Coast of Tamil Nadu

305. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to intensify vigilance in the East Coast of